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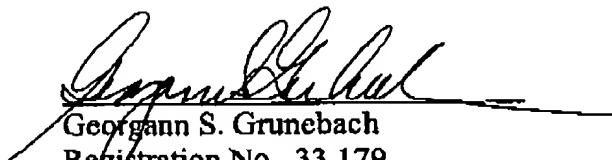
**REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the claims in light of the remarks below.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-26, and 28-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Lenormand* (6,545,787). Claims 6-10 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) under *Lenormand*. Applicants submit a §1.131 affidavit to swear behind the *Lenormand* reference. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1-33 should now be allowable.

In light of the remarks above, Applicants submit that all rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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